

**Montana Department of Agriculture – Organic Certification Program  
Annual Certification Fee Schedule- Handlers**

**Application Fees** (submitted with the application)

- Base Fee
  - Operations with gross sales/handling charges less than \$20,000 **\$215**
  - Operations with gross sales/handling charges of \$20,000 - 100,000 **\$250**
  - Operations with gross sales/handling charges of greater than \$100,000 **\$400**
- Additional Certification(s) Fee **\$250**
- Producer/Handler Allowance (if applying for both categories) **subtract** **-\$115**
- New Application Fee (for first-time applicants) **\$150**
  - Waived for Conversion Program participants
- Late Fee **\$200**
  - Applications to renew handler certification are due by the anniversary date of the original application.
  - New handler applications may be submitted at any time and are not subject to the late fee.

**Assessment Fees**

Certified handling operations pay an annual assessment fee based on their level of gross annual sales and handling charges of organic products. Assessments are charged according to the following schedule:

- Operations with sales/handling charges less than \$5,000 **\$ 25**
- Operations with sales/handling charges of \$5,000 – 20,000 **\$ 50**
- Operations with sales/handling charges of \$20,000 – 40,000 **\$ 100**
- Operations with sales/handling charges of \$40,000 – 100,000 **\$ 200**
- Operations with sales/handling charges of \$100,000 – 250,000 **\$ 500**
- Operations with sales/handling charges of \$250,000 – 500,000 **\$1,000**
- Operations with sales/handling charges of \$500,000 – 1,000,000 **\$2,000**
- Operations with sales/handling charges greater than \$1,000,000 **\$4,000**

**Inspection Fees:** Billed at cost of service, plus 10% administrative fee

**Miscellaneous Fees**

- Materials Charges
  - Application Packet (may deduct from application fee) **\$ 10**
  - Operation Certificates (extra copies) **\$ 5**
  - Transaction Documentation Forms **\$ 10**  
(producer completed, book of 10)
  - Transaction Documentation Forms **\$ 10**  
(MDA completed, sale specific, each)
  - Returned Checks **\$ 25**